

Padre Island National Seashore

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Bird Island Basin Boat Ramp Area

Welcome to Padre Island National Seashore! The regulations listed below have been established to assure that recreational activities do not hinder or pose a threat to visitors, employees, personal property, or natural and cultural resources that exist at the Bird Island Basin boat ramp area. Your cooperation is appreciated to assure that all activities are in compliance with park regulations and with objectives of protecting visitors and resources. **For emergencies, call 911 or contact a ranger.**

1. Fees & General Regulations:

- a. **In addition to the park entrance pass**, a Bird Island Basin day use pass of \$5.00/day or a \$10.00 Bird Island Basin annual pass is required for the Bird Island Basin boat ramp area. All passes are obtained at the park entrance gate and will be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle.
- b. Pets must be on a leash not exceeding six feet, or physically confined, at all times.
- c. Do not litter. Due to illegal dumping, trash cans are no longer provided at the boat ramp area and visitors are responsible for packing out their own trash. However, free trash bags are available at the park entrance gate and at Malaquite Visitor Center, and trash and recycling containers are located at Malaquite Visitor Center.

2. Parking:

- a. **Parking is first-come, first-served.** The purchase of an annual pass does not guarantee a parking space.
- b. Once the 122 parking spaces located at the Bird Island Basin boat ramp area are filled, the area will be closed to parking.
- c. No roadside shoulder parking is allowed in any area of Bird Island Basin.
- d. Overflow parking is available at the Malaquite Visitor Center parking lot. When possible, please notify park law enforcement at (361)949-9238 if a vehicle will be left in the visitor center parking lot overnight.
- e. The boat ramp area has 114 parking spaces that are for vehicle/trailer combinations only.
- f. The boat ramp area has 4 parking spaces that are for vehicles without trailers only.
- g. The boat ramp area has 6 handicap parking spaces that can only be used by impaired individuals displaying the appropriate documentation. The 6 handicap spaces include 4 spaces for vehicle/trailer combinations only and 2 spaces for vehicles without trailers only.
- h. Vehicles without trailers cannot park in vehicle/trailer spaces. Vehicles with trailers cannot park in vehicle only spaces.
- i. Vehicle/trailer combinations must be parked so as not to impede the normal flow of traffic. Vehicle/trailer combinations that cannot fit into a single parking space without impeding traffic must park at the Malaquite Visitor Center parking lot.
- j. To help provide day-use parking for vehicles without trailers, vehicles without trailers that are parking overnight are asked to park at the Malaquite Visitor Center parking lot when possible.